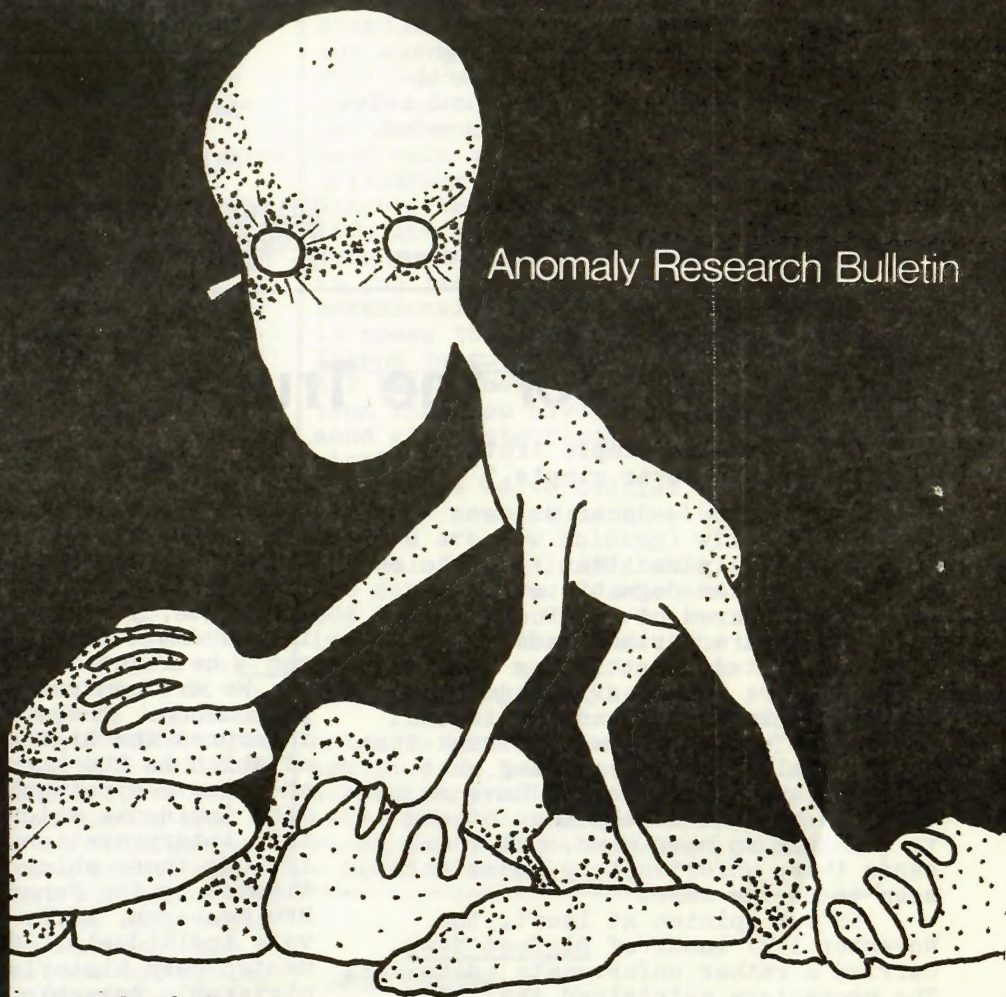


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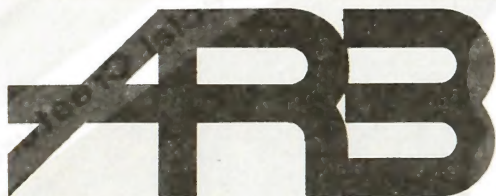
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### An ARB Editorial

# Searching for the Truth...

"The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple."

--Oscar Wilde

It is truly sad that fixed, close minded, and even dogmatic attitudes exist in the area of "Bigfoot" research. We are further saddened by the fact that such attitudes exist in those who are supposedly conducting reputable, impartial, and unbiased scientific work. One would think that those involved in researching what science (and other fields) have rejected would be more likely than others to maintain an open mind, but in many cases this, unfortunately, does not seem to be the case.

In our opinion at least, the November 1977 issue of Bigfoot News carried a rather unfortunate editorial. The commentary maintained that "the staff of the Bigfoot Information Center has produced no evidence of any kind that would support the existence of large, Bigfoot-like primates outside the Pacific Northwest." They went on to say that "...facts are facts and in spite of newspaper and magazine reports...the evidence that might support the existence of the

large primates out of the NW does not stand up in the light of cold, hard, professional scrutiny." True, facts are facts, but perhaps the words of Bernard M. Baruch are best remembered. It was he who said: "If you get all the facts, your judgement can be right; if you don't get all the facts, it can't be right." (Emphasis added.)

We are confronted by an amazing phenomenon. There are many ways to interpret the Bigfoot phenomenon, one of which is the heretofore-undiscovered-primate-hypothesis. But there are many incidents which cast doubt on this interpretation. These incidents include those which have been investigated by the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, SITU, VESTIGIA, and private individuals. Many of these documented case histories include an unmistakable "psychic component." In fact, as Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman have done in their forthcoming Creatures of the Outer Edge, a case can be made that the "Bigfeet" are not really creatures at all in the normal sense of the word, but a type of parapsychological manifestation. John Keel, in his classic Strange Creatures from Time and Space was

sympathetic to both explanations; he theorized that there were two groups of creatures, the minority consisting of real flesh-and-blood animals, the other group being something entirely different -- something that we may only now may be begining to understand.

It seems to us that those at the Bigfoot Information Center have made a decision. They have apparently decided that "Bigfoot" is a living, breathing creature to the exclusion of all other possibilities. In fact, it appears that they have developed a rigid belief system. We wonder how scientific a study really is when those gathering and interpreting the data firmly believe in one theory -- to the exclusion of all others -- even when an equally impressive body of data can be used to support alternate theories that appear to be equally probable. Time has shown again and again that if one is the puppet of a belief system, all the data that one comes across will validate one's system. If something doesn't fit into the person's preconceived notions, it is simply ignored and thrown out. As Fortean, we view this process as an unfortunate and avoidable crime. It is a crime that limits one to narrow world-views, and it is a crime that slows, or even stops, true progress.

There is, however, a way out of this twisted and tangled maze. It's known as suspending judgement. We ask, would it not be better for researchers to suspend judgement during data collection and analysis? Wouldn't it be better to examine all models impartially, even if they make us uncomfortable? Is it not best to accept well validated information and believe in no one single theory? Theories should and must be developed, but at this stage in the game, all theories are tentative. And the fact that all theories dealing with "Bigfoot" (and many other categories of Fortean phenomena) are tentative should be pointed out again, and again, and again. Only when we throw away our preconceived notions and truly investigate all the data will we discover what we are really looking for....and that is, of course, the truth. --David Fideler.

## IMPORTANT Editorial Ravings

This is an important period in time for this journal. As the reader can see, we have switched to a new format with twice as many pages. We have also increased the price slightly (above the initial price increase resulting from doubling the issue size), and this was a move to assure our survival. But our survival is still on slightly shaky ground. I continue to pump small amounts of my own money into ARB. Quite simply, we need more subscribers and more contributions in the form of articles. Since I have been leading a clean life and have kept a pure heart, I'm sure that nothing can go wrong. But if you find ARB to be informative, occasionally witty, and a help when it comes to research, encourage a friend to subscribe. If you feel that ARB is the most nauseating publication that you have ever seen, why not send gift subscriptions to your enemies?

Since we've doubled the size of ARB, the new issues (including the one you are now holding) will count as two of the old 50¢ ARBs. If your sub entitles you to one additional 50¢ issue, you will receive a \$1.25 issue. In either case, the subscriber wins once again, and it's ole Dave that's losing money.

It's time for these editorial notes to grind to an end, but I'll continue to lead a clean life, and subscribers will continue to receive ARB. But please spread the word. We need more subscriptions. --David Fideler.

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# LETTERS

## Allen H. Greenfield on Field Investigations; Data Requests...

Dear David,

First off, I want to thank you for calling, as well as for sending your truly outstanding article, which I hope will spark considerable discussion of the linkage between fort-eanism and subjectivism on one hand, and Eastern mysticism on the other. I attempted to draw a parallel between Fort's philosophy and mystical thought in my address "Zen, Mysticism, and Forteanism" delivered at the 1974 Fortfest in D.C., and it's nice to see more being done in this general direction.

My main purpose in writing is to try to summarise for you, once and for all, where I stand on field research. I realise that our apparent positions on this are pretty far apart, but I have always felt that people need not agree on everything to get along, and work together. Incidentally, I'd welcome hearing your side of the picture. So far, all I have heard is "you're wrong" without any reasons being given in any detail. This can be corrected. The only thing that really bothers me personally is what seems to me to be a certain cock-sure rigidity on the part of the "unqualified support" position holders, as if any other viewpoint was automatically wrong. I don't mind being dismissed after careful consideration has been given to my viewpoint; but I do request a fair hearing.

(1) To begin with, I am in favour of field research efforts in dealing with the ufo problem. I don't want this to be misunderstood. The questions I have to raise are in terms of qualifications, purpose and order of priority, NOT in terms of whether such work should be done.

(2) It is my view that there are, at least, four legitimate functions in a field like ufology. All overlap and are in no way mutually exclusive, yet I think a person can validly serve in one role or any combination of roles. They are: (A) field investigator, (B) data evaluator, (C) systems evaluator,

(D) theoretician. The primary function of a field investigator is to gather raw data without imposing a selectivity or censorship in terms of his or her own ideas. The function of the data evaluator is quite different. His or her job is to sift the raw data already gathered and make a determination as to its meaning. A systems evaluator's function is.... er, um, what I am doing right now; to take a critical look at the processes involved in ufo research, and offer suggestions as to what should and should not be done. A theoretician, of course, is one who integrates existing data, and attempts to extrapolate meaning from it. The divisions outlined here are valid (and necessary) not only in ufology, but in virtually any fields you can name. Ideally, of course, everyone would fill every one of these functions, but the reality is that we are extremely fortunate if we find even a few people of ability who can honestly and intelligently perform even one of these functions. Functions (A) and (B) are somewhat technical functions. (C) is essentially an administrative function. (D) is analytical and at least somewhat intuitive. They obviously involve a broad range of human aptitudes and interests. The point I want to stress is that these functions are mutually interlocking, and it is counterproductive for those with their primary interest of aptitude in one of these areas to 'look down on' those in other areas.

(3) There is an old saw (or something) about psychic phenomena investigators that goes something like this: Any investigator who cannot see through any and all professional magician's illusions has no right to be investigating psychic manifestations. I don't make quite so rigid a judgement, and don't think the problems of psychical research are exactly the same as those of ufology, but I do have serious doubts about the qualifications and qualities of

field investigators and investigations in ufology. I suspect that, with all protests to the contrary, most investigators have a bias in advance of investigating cases that tends to seriously colour the information they obtain and produce.

(4) For example, one thing I think that ufologist have just never come honestly to grip with is the hoax phenomenon. I know of several semi-classic cases which have a fairly obvious hoax angles that I can think of offhand, that are considered "legitimate cases" as far as I can tell. Another, not altogether unrelated factor only came to my attention after reading Glenn O'Brien's article in *Qui* dealing with the Tennessee cases. This factor seems largely ignored by ufologists, namely, that since 1947 not just ufos but a whole lot of fortaean stuff has become a part of American folklore. There's been plenty of time (since, say, 1956, the year of Barker's book on the subject) for such concepts as "the men in black" to work their way, rumor style, deeply into the American psyche. I'm not saying that the proverbial "man in the street" is going to know all this, but it only takes a couple of 'saucer nuts' in an isolated area to "taint" any evidence that may come out.

(5) I think that researchers have simply not come to grips with the full implications of the so-called "reflective factor." Of course, I fully stipulate that an advocate of conventional ETH who maintains that there is no reflective factor at all can, in logical tune with the rest of his or her opinions, discount this, but this hardly applies to "new ufologists" who accept the reflective thesis. The implication is, to put it bluntly: How can the investigator know what is 'objective fact' and what is, in fact, manipulation of his or her own mind? I DO NOT MEAN BY THIS THAT FIELD RESEARCH IS FUTILE OR WORTHLESS, but rather that the "reflective factor" had yet to be honestly and fully confronted.

(6) There seems to be a woefully broad "tunnel" quality in the areas of expertise held by many field researchers. Being, say, an astronomer or highway inspector or newspaper reporter doesn't necessarily qualify one

to evaluate psychological stresses, family situations, or for that matter the characteristics of free plasmas. (I hasten to add that such professions don't disqualify a person either; what I want to get at is that like the dictum mentioned for a qualified psychiatric researcher, you've got to have a broad range of areas of expertise, and I question whether this exists at present.) Incidentally, I don't exempt myself from any of this, but I have to smile a bit at the arrogant attitude of some who are quick enough to question my role, but not necessarily taking an equally critical look at themselves. In this same connection, there seems to be a lack of taking into consideration recent developments inside orthodox science which throws the role of the "investigator" or "observer" into considerable question. The developments I refer to come from the world of theoretical physics, and to what extent this applies to observations in the macrocosmic world has yet to be determined, but the consideration of this should be factored in. J.A. Wheeler described it this way: "'Participator' is the incontrovertible new concept given by quantum mechanics. It strikes down the term 'observer' of classical theory, the man who stands safely behind the thick glass wall and watches what goes on without taking part. It can't be done, quantum mechanics says." One can argue that theoretical physics ain't ufology, but I recall that some similar thought has been going down in recent years in anthropological field research in the same general direction.

(7) Apparently almost altogether forgotten by 'scientific ufologists' is that other aspect of scientific investigation, the repeatable laboratory experiment. One may be quick to dismiss this as "not applicable to ufology," but I think that this is largely an a priori assumption which has gone largely unchallenged for far too long. Such events as the 1959 "CIA contactee case" and various similar experiences in "psychic contactee" circles could suggest the starting off point for developing an experimental design which could be used to investigate various aspects of the

Ufo problem. The work done by Don Elkins and associates in Louisville shows some promise in this direction; in fact, it tends to validate some of the things Keel has been saying for many years. But is anything to be done about this by "scientific ufology"?

(8) In connection with point four above, I should introduce here something of my own experience. To begin, I should correct something I said on the phone: it seems to me that when Keel first started saying that 'Greenfield doesn't know what's going on in his back yard' there may have been some truth in it -- that was some years ago, and while I'd probably done some field work by then, it hadn't been all that much, and his stinging comment may well have spurred me on to further work. It's certainly not valid to say the same thing today. These days, my "backyard" is the landing-and-yeti country around Brooksville, Florida, a situation I know a helluva lot about, first hand. In any case, starting about 1966 at Brooksville (which I have visited repeatedly since), I have been involved in investigations at St. Simons Island, Georgia (indian mound area sightings), Brown Mountain, North Carolina and others. I worked alone or accompanied by Joan O'Connell, Jim Moseley, Gene Steinberg, Geneva Steinberg and Timothy Green Beckley. A lot of what I recorded has been published or presented in lectures over the years, but again, as I alluded on the phone, MY PRIMARY INTEREST IN THE FIELD IS TO DEVELOP A BACKGROUND so that I may effectively function as a systems evaluator and theoretician. I am also interested in the human reality of the ufo encounter as opposed to trying to puzzle out what actually took place, objectively. Call it ufo-sociology. Perhaps some people have difficulty understanding this, but there are at least two questions at issue with the ufo enigma: (A) What are the ufos themselves? (B) What do ufos mean to people? This formulation hardly originates with me; C.G. Jung was defining this about 20 years ago. Most of the foregoing had already come to pass when I became involved with the Atlanta UFO Study-

group a couple of years ago. This rather unusual organisation (I don't know if it still exists, having been away from Atlanta for over a year), in that it had cooperation from the Fernbank Science Centre, a governmental institution, and to one extent or another by NICAP, APRO and MUFON representatives. The group had a full-scale field investigators training programme, in which I participated. The major point is that I received a whole new perspective in observing at close range the results of field investigations done by Marion Webb, a NICAP representative who apparently did NOT have the usual pro-ufo axe to grind. His findings varied greatly from what one usually hears, and carries implications that have affected my viewpoint profoundly. In one case, for example, a ufo was reported seen near the ground. Next day, a circular depression was discovered. The long and short is that the circle was made by a tractor, the light by a conventional source. He investigated the (now classical) '73 flap-era Falkville, Alabama police chief case and not only produced a fair case for a hoax, but even came up with the name of a likely suspect for the man in the "tin foil" suit. Not only that, but the case had originally been "strengthened" by a separate close encounter across the Georgia border on the same night. Surprisingly, Webb came up with evidence of possible fraud here, too. When I first heard all this, I reacted with anger, because, at rock bottom, I was still a "saucer believer" at that point. My experience with Webb and other similar matters at that point produced a crisis of values in me which ultimately led to my present perspective. Of course these days I would be keenly interested in the fact that there were independent (possible) hoaxes within 50 miles or so of each other on the same night. What I have ultimately wound up with is that there is something truly mysterious involved with the ufo question, something of momentous importance, but that it may be far more complex than any simplistic analysis of raw data of a selective sort will.

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# THE DOVER DEMON



One of 1977's most remarkable Fortean events involved a 3½-foot tall creature with a watermelon-shaped head that made three appearances during a two day period in April. The sightings took place in Dover, Massachusetts -- 15 miles southwest of Boston -- prompting researcher Loren Coleman to name the entity the Dover Demon. Coleman, who investigated the sightings in more than a little depth, will discuss the incident in the forthcoming book CREATURES OF THE OUTER SPACE, which he co-authored with Jerome Clark. To whet the reader's interest we'll touch on some highlights...

The first sighting took place on April 21, 1977. Bill Bartlett, 17, was driving down Dover's Farm Street at 10:30 p.m. when the car headlights illuminated the creature, which was perched on a stone wall.

"At first I thought it was some kind of dog or cat," Bartlett explained. "But then I noticed that it was different; it had an unusually large head and no nose or mouth, just two perfectly round orange eyes that glowed at the headlights hit it. It was 3½ to 4 feet high with large claw-like hands, and its skin was sort of like that of a shark, and had the color of Fred Flintstone in the Sunday comics. It stopped and slowly turned its head and stared at me. It was really pretty scary, and I just took off at about 45 mph."

Bartlett, a member of Boston's Capely Art Society, drew a sketch of the creature upon returning home (see cover illustration). Coleman and I discussed the Dover sightings while in Chicago at the FATE UFO Conference; and he pointed out that Bartlett has a photographic memory and is an accomplished artist.

Two hours after Bartlett encountered the Demon, John Baxter, 15, ran up against the creature, which was standing in a heavily wooded area. Baxter told the Associated Press: "He was standing on two feet on a rock -- his feet were molded around a rock, and he was leaning against a tree. It looked like a monkey with a figure-eight head."

Then, 24 hours later, the Dover Demon was seen by Abby Brabham and her boyfriend, while the couple were returning home. Her boyfriend, who was driving, only glanced at the creature for a short time, but she was able to get a good, detailed look at the thing. Her description matched those of the other witnesses, except for the fact that she reported green eyes.

Some other phenomena were associated with the sightings, which may or may not be connected. On the 20th of May one of the witnesses was hospitalized, unable to speak, eat, or drink. Another witness's father underwent emergency brain surgery in May, and there even appears to be some MIB activity associated with the creature reports. But, as much as we'd like to go into them, these topics will have to await discussion by Clark and Coleman...



Top: Bartlett's drawing of the Dover Demon; above: Bill Bartlett (left) and John Baxter.

# 1977: YEAR OF THE CREATURE

COMPILED BY DAVID FIDELER



## BIG HAIRY MONSTER REPORTS:

Well, we weren't too far off when we punned in ARB 6 that 1977 was a "Year of the Cat." It wasn't quite evident at the time, but it can now safely be said that 1977 was the "Year of the Creature." Reports seemed to originate from everywhere, and with a remarkable degree of regularity. Just because of the bulk of the data, we can't hope to examine every case in great detail. Even the scanty chronological listing which follows took many, many hours to prepare. It is our hope that, for at least the time being, this listing of over 70 reports will suffice. And while 1978 promises to be the "Year of the UFO," we can fondly remember 1977 in all of its weirdness: it was one helluva year.

### A NOTE ON THE LISTING:

Perhaps it doesn't need to be said, but even this extensive listing can in no way be complete. Many, many incidents are never reported for fear of ridicule. Furthermore, there is certainly a good deal of "noise" amidst the "signal." We must beware of that, and eventually sift the good from the bad. In addition, the Bigfoot mythos seems to now be an established part of American folklore, and this fact warrants a full-length article in itself at some future date.

### A NOTE ON THE SOURCES:

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Jan 17

Natchez, Mississippi - Several residents see a BHM that left tracks, broke limbs, and growled at a dog. (ARB 5.)

Jan 23

Ingatic Creek, Washington - A 7-foot tall gorilla-like animal is fired at; two witnesses. (ARB 5.)

Feb

Clearfield County, Pennsylvania - Reported Bigfoot activity. (CS-1/4.)

Feb 6

Saluda County, S. Carolina - Hundreds of 14-inch long footprints are discovered; residents report hearing strange screams in area for two years. (CS-1/1.)

Feb 12

Fort Mill, S. Carolina - A footprint, 12½-inches long, is discovered in garden; probably human. (CS-1/1.)

Feb 14

Brookhaven, Mississippi - Several boys discover large 15-inch footprints in wooded area; it is reported that wolves and monkeys have been seen in the area. (CS-1/1.)

Aprx. March 1

Gibsonton, Florida - Large 17-inch footprints are discovered. (CS-1/5.)

Aprx. March 2

Warsaw, Indiana - Two 9-year-olds discover a trail of 18-inch long footprints. (CS-1/2.)

March 4/5/8

Nelson Township, Ohio - Multiple witness creature sightings; tracks discovered; investigation by Mark Swift and James Rastetter. (BIGFOOT: Tales of Unexplained Creatures, published by Page Research Library.)

March 15

Gibsonton, Florida - Frightened mobile home dwellers report being menaced by a large gorilla. Incident caused some to move elsewhere. An empty carton for a King Kong costume was discovered nearby. (CS-1/5.)

March 16

Eatonville, Washington - An enlisted man, while hiking, encounters a BHM. He was later treated for shock. (CS-1/1.)

March 17

Alliance, Ohio - Woman sees huge, hairy creature near road. Incident investigated by Mark Swift and James Rastetter. (BIGFOOT: Tales of Unexplained Creatures.)

March 31

Diana, Texas (NB: Location on map approximate.) - Giant 17-inch long footprints are discovered; minor property damage. (Longview, Texas Journal, April 2; CR: Tom Adams.)

Early April

Eatonville, Washington - Large footprints are discovered. Prints were over 16-inches long, spaced at a distance of 8-feet 7-inches, and were thought to have been left by a creature weighing at least 300 pounds. (Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 12; CR: G. Bernier, Ann Slate, and Tom Adams.)

April 12 & 13

Rising Sun, Indiana - Large creature attacks car on the 12th. Additional activity on the 13th. Investigation by Ron Shaffner. (Private communication; Cincinnati Post, April 15; CR: Ron Shaffner.)

May (?)

McKean County, Pennsylvania - Reported creature activity. (CS-1/4.)

Aprx. May 1

Dinwiddle County, Virginia - 16-inch long footprints are discovered. (Roanoke, Virginia World-News, May 3.)

May 7

Hollis, New Hampshire - BHM shakes trailer that percipients are sleeping in; witnesses terrified; creature seen. (CS-1/4.)

May 10

Wantage Township, New Jersey - Seven rabbit mutilations; property damage; (later linked with creature activity). (Morriston, New Jersey Daily Record, June 19; CR: Loren Coleman.)

May 12

Wantage Township, New Jersey - Huge creature is seen in the shadows. (Newton, NJ Herald, May 17; CR: Loren Coleman.)

May 13

Wantage Township, New Jersey - A BHM with glowing red eyes is fired at repeatedly with no effect. (Newton, New Jersey Herald, May 17; CR: Loren Coleman. Also see the Summer/Fall VESTIGIA NEWSLETTER for further information on the Wantage Township incidents and rabbit autopsies.)

May 15

Mission, British Columbia - Well-publicized creature hoax. (CS-1/3.)

Fayette County, Pennsylvania - A family of five become frightened after seeing a 6-foot tall hairy creature while driving home. (CS-1/4)

May 18

Eaton, Ohio - Two frightened teenagers tell sheriff's deputies that they saw a huge, hairy creature that smelled like rotten meat. Investigation by Ron Shaffner uncovered footprints and other evidence. (Private communication; Eaton Register Herald, May 25; CR: Ron Shaffner.)

Union, Missouri - Motorist encounters large, smelly creature. (CS-1/4.)

May 21

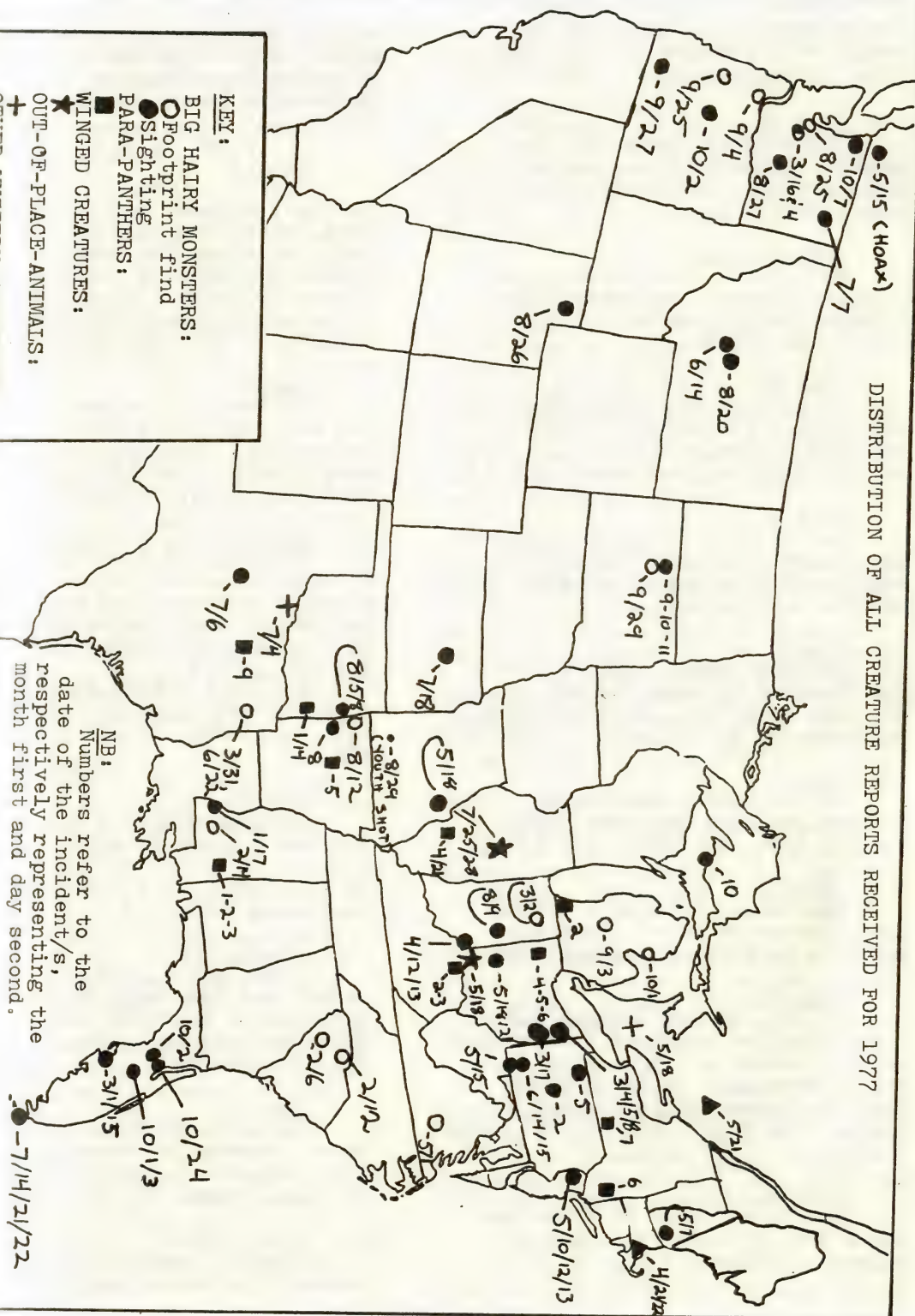
Eaton, Ohio - More reported creature activity. (Eaton Register Herald, May 25; CR: Ron Shaffner.)

# DISTRIBUTION OF ALL CREATURE REPORTS RECEIVED FOR 1977

KEY:

○ BIG HAIRY MONSTERS:  
 ○ Footprint find  
 ● Sighting  
 ■ PARA-PANTHERS:  
 ★ WINGED CREATURES:  
 ✱ OUT-OF-PLACE-ANIMALS:  
 + OTHER MYSTERY CREATURES:  
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NB:  
 Numbers refer to the date of the incident/s, respectively representing the month first and day second.



Aprx. June 8

Theodore, Alberta - Farmer discovers several 18-inch long footprints on his property; also some minor property damage. (CS-1/7.)

June 14

Silver City, Montana - Two campers encounter three Bigfeet; creatures were reportedly 10-feet tall. (CS-1/5.)

June 14 & 15

Uniontown, Pennsylvania - A 20-year-old drafting student sees a large, hairy creature near his home. (CS-1/5.)

June 22

East Mountain, Texas (Map location aprx.) - Possible creature activity. Strange sounds, 14-inch long footprints discovered. (CS-1/5.)

July 5

Lac Bellvue, Alberta - Campers are awoken by strange sounds; 16-inch long footprints are discovered in the morning. (CS-1/6.)

July 6

Abilene, Texas - Three youths are showered by rocks thrown by an ape-like creature. They reported a rotten smell in the area. (CS-1/6.)

July 7

Little Falls, Washington - Three campers see what may have been a Bigfoot-type creature. (CS-1/6.)

July 14

Key Largo, Florida - "Skunk ape" approaches home. Further activity to follow in area. (CS-1/6.)

July 18

Salina, Kansas - Woman sees a gorilla-like creature in her back yard; a number of three-toed footprints were left by the entity. (Salina, Kansas Journal, July 20; Kansas City Star, July 21; CR: Steve Hicks.)

July 21

Key Largo, Florida - Two men see a BHM in field; possible EM effects. (CS-1/6.)

July 22

Key Largo, Florida - Woman sees glowing eyes eight feet above the ground and nearby bushes. Husband attempts to photograph eyes; couple decides to leave area in August. (CS-1/6.)

Aug (?)

Lauaca, Arkansas - Rumors of a BHM that appears near a local lover's lane. Creature is reportedly 6-feet tall, beats on the hoods of automobiles, and makes strange sounds; tracks indicate 6 toes. (Ft. Smith, Arkansas Southwest Times Record, August 14; CR: Tom Adams.)

Aug 5

Stilwell, Oklahoma - A 15-year-old was reportedly mauled by a hairy, 9-foot tall creature with glowing red eyes; youth later admits that the report is a hoax. (CS-1/6.)

Aug 8

Fifty miles south of Chetwynd, British Columbia - Five vacationers discover 17-inch long footprints. The tracks were spaced at a distance of six feet and exhibited 4 toes. (CS-1/6, 1/7.)

Stilwell, Oklahoma - A large creature with glowing red eyes is reportedly seen around 3 a.m. (CS-1/6.)

Aug 9

Between Anderson and Elmwood, Indiana - Woman observes while driving a large, 8 to 10-foot tall hair-covered creature. No footprints were discovered. (CS-1/6.)

Aug 12

Dutch Mills, Arkansas - "Claw marks" and two large footprints discovered; probable hoax. (Stilwell, Oklahoma Democrat-Journal, August 18; CR: Tom Adams.)

Aug 20

Monarch, Montana - A party of three campers is charged by a 15-foot tall creature. (Great Falls, Montana Tribune, August 20; CR: Tom Adams.)

Aug 25/26

Tacoma, Washington - A 40-pound poodle is discovered horribly muti-

lated in a wooded area. The dog was last seen sleeping on the owner's front porch, and apparently the animal was "bitten in two." The implication seems to be that a BHM was involved, but there were no tracks. No unusual sounds were heard during the night. (INFO Journal #26.)

#### Aug 26

Cubert Basin, Utah - A group of eight spot a 10-foot tall BF-like creature. Four-toed footprints were discovered, and a mutilated rabbit was discovered along the animal's trail. The creature was in view for nearly four minutes and was seen at a distance of 800 to 1,000 yards. (CS-1/6, 1/7.)

#### Aug 27

Yakima, Washington - An 11-year-old girl encounters creature on a woodland trail. Others glimpse the entity, and additional percipients hear strange screams and growls. (CS-1/6.)

#### Aug 29

Aurora, Missouri - An 18-year-old youth suffers a gunshot wound "while hunting for Bigfoot." (We knew that it was going to happen sooner or later. Fortunately, in this instance, the youth was not killed.)

#### Sept/Oct/Nov

Little Eagle, S. Dakota - At least 28 BHM sightings are reported during this time period; national publicity. (Many sources.)

#### Sept 3

Barryton, Michigan - After two large dogs become frightened, man discovers a trail of 16½-inch footprints near his home. Tracks are located near swamp. (CS-1/8.)

#### Sept 4

Eugene, Oregon - 15-inch long footprints are discovered; 4 toes. (INFO Journal #26.)

#### Sept 25

Milwaukie, Oregon - Large, 5-toed, 17-inch long footprints are discovered; according to reports, the prints were fresh and a "musky, ammonia smell" was detected in the area. (INFO Journal #26.)

#### Sept 27

Ashland, Oregon - Motorist sees ape-like creature cross Highway 66. (CS-1/8.)

#### Early October

Marquette, Michigan - An 18-year-old motorist tells police that he ran off a road to avoid hitting a large, hairy creature that appeared in front of him. (Radio broadcast, October 7; CR: Mark Hall.)

#### Oct 1

Apoka, Florida - BHM tries to break down door and enter building, according to security officer. (Apoka, Florida Chief, October 7.)

Oscada, Michigan - Hunter discovers some strangely-shaped 3-toed footprints, 10-inches in length, in deep woods. A police investigation was conducted, and officials were quite puzzled. (CS-1/8.)

#### Aprx. Oct 2

Bellevue, Florida - A 22-year-old welder is attacked by a black, 6-foot tall, smelly creature while hitch hiking. (Orlando, Florida Sentinel, October 5; CR: Tom Adams.)

Bend, Oregon - Two men open fire after being attacked by a 7-foot tall creature with a monkey-like face. (San Antonio, Texas Express, October 4; CR: Tom Adams.)

#### Oct 3

Apoka, Florida - A security guard is reportedly attacked and scratched by a 10-foot tall hairy creature. (CS-1/8.)

#### Oct 7

Bellingham, Washington - A Bigfoot-type creature is reportedly photographed. (Jerry Clark in March 1978 UFO REPORT.)

#### Aprx. Oct 24

Ocala National Forest, Florida - A 67-year-old Baptist minister encounters an 8-foot tall BHM. (Russellville, Arkansas Daily Courier-Democrat, November 15; CR: Tom Adams; also many other sources.)

#### Oct 29

Timber Lake, S. Dakota - Possible Bigfoot activity; strange sounds

and 14-inch footprints reported.  
(CS-2/1.)

#### Dec 12

Mayberries, Alberta - A married couple discover huge footprints in the snow. The tracks were 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches long, 8-inches wide, with 5 toes.

### PARA-PANTHER REPORTS:

#### Jan 14

Talihina, Oklahoma - Phantom cat is said to be prowling area. Several tame ducks mysteriously disappear on the 14th; large panther tracks in area. (ARB 5.)

#### Jan/Feb/March

Bay Springs, Mississippi - Phantom panther wave with many sightings; see ARB 6.

#### Feb

New Buffalo, Michigan - Para-panther activity. Tracks discovered. Further information hopefully forthcoming. (Private communication.)

#### Late Feb/Early March

California, Kentucky - Large cat in area. Three dogs are mauled

by panther, and one has to be killed; huge prints discovered. (See ARB 6 for investigative report.)

#### Aprx. April 21

Edwardsville, Illinois - A cougar is seen several times in area. Authorities unable to locate creature. (Alton, Illinois Telegraph, April 23; CR: John Peldyak.)

#### April/May/June

Bluffton, Ohio - Massive para-panther wave; see this issue and ARB 6.

#### May

Dover, Arkansas - An African lion attacks two dogs. (Memphis, Arkansas Press-Schimitar, May 17; CR: Lou Parish.)

#### Late June

Port Ewen, New York - A large cat resembling a cougar is seen three times. (INFO Journal #26.)

#### July

Elmira, New York - Phantom panther activity near swamp; animals slaughtered and prints discovered. (Elmira, New York Star-Gazette, July 28; CR: Tom Adams.)

## ANATOMY OF A

After attending the FATE magazine UFO conference in Chicago, ace creature investigator Loren Coleman looked into the para-panther activity that was occurring around the Bluffton, Ohio area. We mentioned the wave of reports briefly in ARB 6, and Coleman published his findings in the November 1977 issue of FATE. The following chronological compilation is based on Coleman's article and newspaper clippings supplied by Tom Adams. All activity occurred in the Bluffton area unless otherwise noted. Finally, all the reports listed below are from 1977, the now-famous "Year of the Creature"...

#### March:

22--Several sheep killed on the farm of Elmer Nesbaum.  
25--Sherwood Burkholder loses 40 sheep to an unknown animal killer.

#### April:

26--Nesbaum loses more sheep, bringing the total number of animals killed to 20. Gate is clawed apart, and six muskrat traps are tripped.  
28--Woman spots large black and gray panther on way to work.  
29--Large, long-tailed black and gray cat is seen.

#### May:

01--A deputy near Lafayette, Ohio

Sept

Johnson County, Texas - Large cat seen several times. Could possibly be bobcat. (Dallas Morning News, October 9; CR: Tom Adams.)

#### WINGED CREATURE REPORTS:

May 17

Rabbit Hash, Kentucky - A five-pound beagle is snatched from the ground and carried 600 yards by a large bird. Probable eagle.

July 25

Lawndale, Illinois - Marlon Lowe is carried skyward by a huge anomalous bird; multiple witnesses. (ARB 7.)

July 28

Lincoln, Illinois - Large black bird is seen by several. (INFO Journal #25.)

July 30

Central Illinois - Man spots and takes movies of two large birds. (ARB 7.)

#### OUT-OF-PLACE ANIMAL REPORTS:

May 18

Guelph, Ontario - A 5-year-old alligator is discovered under a car. No one was able to explain the animal's appearance. (This is not an unheard of phenomenon, and the interested reader is suggested to consult Loren Coleman's article on "Erratic Crocodilians" that appeared in the INFO Journal # 12.) (RBB #19.)

July 4

Wichita, Texas - A five-foot tall ostrich is captured; authorities are unable to explain the animal's appearance. (Wichita Falls Record-Item, July 5; CR: Tom Adams.)

April 21/22

Dover, Massachusetts - "Dover Demon" seen three times. Further details on page 7.

May 21/22

St. Andre Avellin, Quebec - Two campers encounter an incomprehensible creature that sped into the air, left large footprints on the ground, and sounded like a horse as it ran. (RBB #19.)

## PANTHER

spots the "glassy eyes of a cat" using a spotlight; para-panther tracks later discovered in the area.

--Five sheep are killed on the farm of Richard Etter.

03--Man loses several tame ducks; plaster casts are made of cat tracks discovered in vicinity.

06--Newly discovered tracks indicate that a large cat crossed one farmer's property.

09--Woman spots 140-pound black and gray panther; tracks also found.

17--A large, dark-colored cat is seen drinking from a pond.

27--The Allen County Dog Warden, along with three law enforcement officers, spots and approaches panther; tracks are discovered in area.

## WAVE.

--A large cat is seen drinking from a swimming hole near Lafayette, Ohio.

June:

03--A police officer sees a large black cat near Ada, Ohio. (Findlay, Ohio Courier, June 14, 1977.)

04--Hardin County Game Warden observes a black panther through field glasses. (Same source as June 3 report above and Kenton, Ohio Times, June 6, 1977; CR for both items: Tom Adams.)

And there you have it. Another wave of reports describing a large, anomalous, panther-like creature that has -- like all the rest -- avoided capture and baffled a long list of authorities.

# Cemetary Weirdness, Toppling Tombstones

BY DAVID FIDELER

SOME VERY out-of-the-ordinary events have been occurring in this nation's cemetaries. And while most of the phenomena can be attributed to demented individuals, occultists, and satanists, certain mysteries remain unsolved. We feel that those investigating paranormal phenomena should have some knowledge of these areas, if, for no other reason, their personal safety. And their remains a very real possibility that certain types of phenomena, such as the enigmatic toppling tombstones, may be linked in some way to those phenomena that many of us find ourselves to be now investigating.

ON THURSDAY, September 9, 1976, evidence of cult worship surfaced in a San Antonio, Texas cemetary. It all started when graveyard maintenance workers of a man buried a few days before. Patrolman Noel Hernandez, who was called to the scene to investigate, emptied the can and discovered a tongue inside.

According to newspaper coverage, the tongue had been split in half from front to back. A neatly folded piece of paper was discovered inside the incision, and it bore the names of seven women. Authorities conducted an investigation to determine whether or not the tongue was human, but to our knowledge a follow-up was never published...

As the police investigation continued, Hernandez was approached by a man with a strange artifact. The object was a human-like figure made out of black wax. The artifact was found in an olive jar, halfway buried in a grave on the other side of the cemetary. And, in case you hadn't already guessed it, several pins were stuck in the figure.

The gentleman who uncovered the figure became suspicious when he saw two women taking flowers off the grave instead of putting them on.

It was reported in the San Antonio News (Sept. 10, 1977; CR: T Adams) that those who practice witchcraft believe they can put a curse on people by placing their names inside a tongue. The figure riddled with pins was thought to have been used in a voodoo ritual. And the fact that this is "fresh new evidence" makes us wonder if similar things have been uncovered in the past!

LATER THAT month, in another part of the country, evidence of grave robbing came to light. Yes folks, that's right, g-r-a-v-e r-o-b-b-i-n-g. According to Sheriff Alton Howe, three graves were opened around September 25, 1977 in Sweden, Maine. Howe also reported -- without citing a source for his information -- that an out-of-state cult was paying more than \$100 a piece



Above: Partial view of the many tombstones out at a Lancaster, Texas cemetary

# Headstones, and Things Best Left Alone...

for human skulls. He speculated that the cult may have had something to do with the grave openings.

The three graves were almost totally exhumed, the diggers having made holes six-feet deep, five-feet long, and two-feet wide. Police said that whoever exhumed the graves spent about two hours on each one. A grave had been opened at the same cemetery nearly a year before, and other grave openings were discovered in Cornish, Fryeburg, and Waterboro, Maine also in September 1977.

In Waterboro, Leland Swett said that the graves of some of his relatives had been disturbed at the private family cemetery. "One of the graves was my great grandmother's," Swett said. "They were all my relatives, close relatives. There's three generations buried there, if not four." (Willimantic, Conn. Chron-



ny tombstones mysteriously wiped  
tary on the night of April 10, 1977.

icle, October 5, 1976; CR: T Adams.)

IN JANUARY 1977 cultists were once again making headlines in San Antonio, Texas. As it turned out, a mysterious fish kill had taken place at Woodlawn Lake, and satanists were accused of the surly deed.

A pollution expert said that about 10,000 fish were killed by an unidentified "toxic substance" which had entered the lake.

Near the lake was discovered a type of black case, a waterlogged Satanic Bible, a book of satanic rituals, and a two-foot tall wooden cross. The man who uncovered the stuff speculated that the items had either come from a "coven of devil worshipers" or "children playing nearby"! If the true explanation is the latter, kiddies these days are developing a strange sense of humor or they are playing some awfully weird games!

It was generally thought that satanists were responsible for the fish kill; one expert speculated that a poison could have washed into the lake after a rain, or that someone directly placed it in the water. (San Antonio, Texas Light, Jan. 30, 1977; CR: Tom Adams.)

EVEN STRANGER events transpired near Lancaster, Texas on the night of April 10, 1977. At a local cemetery, monuments up to a hundred years old, were damaged by an unknown agency. Authorities were very concerned, and offered a \$1,000 reward leading to the arrest of those responsible.

Approximately 30 headstones, some weighing as much as 2,000 pounds, were overturned. Some of the lighter headstones were apparently picked up and smashed to the ground, according to Police Chief John Whitehead. All of the vandalism occurred in the older part of the cemetery, "which leads officials to believe the vandals wanted to de-

stroy something of historical value." Damage was still being assessed to vandalism that had occurred two weeks earlier.

Toppling tombstones comprise a difficult to explain Fortean phenomenon. John Keel, with whom we discussed this incident, pointed out that the phenomenon has occurred all over the country, and that New England experienced a wave of incidents during the spring of 1977. Keel said that many of the cases are difficult to explain in entirely conventional terms and that many of the vandalized monuments are of enormous size and weight; some are even anchored with thick steel cable. But these characteristics don't seem to bother the phantom vandals, who strike in the dead of night, never attracting any attention. He said that certain cemeteries are hit again and again, finally adding that strange lights have been seen hovering in cemeteries plagued by the phenomenon.

We note with interest the remarks of Police Chief Whitehead. He said that the cemetery ground consists of hard packed clay and gravel, and would not show any footprints or tire tracks ....even after the heavy rains. Do we sense a bit of nervousness in his voice ?? (Dallas, Texas Morning News, April 12, 1977; CR: Tom Adams.)

More recently, on July 29, 1977, vandals knocked down about 12 tombstones in a Corsica, Texas cemetery. According to police reports, the damage took place around noon, which makes this case an anomaly amongst anomalies. Only two or three of the stones were seriously damaged. (Corsica, Texas Daily Sun, July 29, 1977; CR: Tom Adams.)

WHILE WE are tempted to say that this next case is perhaps the strangest we will ever come up against, we should never underestimate the Strange & Unknown. In any event, the incident makes us shudder every time we think about it. Our report is based on a communication from Wayne Laporte, an able UFO investigator based in North Carolina. Near Weddington, North Carolina, sayeth he, is an "active satanic church." He then goes on to describe the building utilized by the group:

"...The church is a 20 ft x 20 ft x 15 ft pyramid in the woods. It was built without permission by the coven on the land owned by a friend on my neighbor's son, Steve. Steve, the landowner, and another person were inspecting the place which was quite elaborate. They removed a statue of the devil. Once outside the pyramid it disintegrated into rubble. All three then left. About 10 minutes later the landowner went home, got a gun, drove to a service station, and for no apparent reason shot himself. He is now in critical condition."

The incident took place on August 20, 1977. Mr. Laporte's communication is dated August 25. We hope to learn more of this incident, which, one could say, is frightening-if-true.

IT HAS been said that cultists play mean, and a report from Thacker-ville, Oklahoma seems to support this notion. Early during the last week of September, Alan Hoyt investigated some witchcraft rumors surrounding local cemeteries. Hoyt, a journalist for 10 years, discovered a partially melted wax figure with nails thrust into it. The find, according to Hoyt, was made at the Red River Cemetery. The figure was found lying on a piece of cloth that had been placed on a tombstone. He also discovered examples of vandalism and possible grave robbing.

In an obvious move to assure residents that nothing bizarre was occurring, Love County Sheriff Wesley Liddell told reporters that he doubts Hoyt actually found the figure where he said he had. "There's nothing to this hocus pocus," The Authority said. Liddell wouldn't qualify his reasons for doubting Hoyt, all of which sounds pretty fishy to us. Why won't authorities admit that something strange is occurring, and openly try to discover what exactly is going on?

An even stranger scenario was enacted as Hoyt was leaving the cemetery. He said that an "old man" met him at the road while he was exiting and asked him what he was photographing. Then, according to the journalist, the man gave him a beer. But apparently something was amiss, for after drinking the beer Hoyt became very ill and began hallucinating. Doctors

who examined Hoyt said that there was no way to determine what caused the reaction, although it certainly wasn't the beverage's alcoholic content. They did discover that his blood pressure and pulse were "abnormally high," and they pointed out that the beer could have been spiked with LSD or "some other hallucinogenic drug." Moral of the story: never eat the food when you're investigating the stranger aspects of Magonia.

A university prof. who teaches a course on witchcraft said that the figure was a type used in some black magic ceremonies. He also said that the figure was not older than six months. Our guess is that the figure was quite "fresh" when Hoyt discovered it, as to the artifact's position. (McCurtain Gazette, Idabel, Oklahoma,

September 30, 1977; CR once again goes to Fortean slueth Tom Adams. The wax figure was found early in the week. Hoyt probably was drugged on Sept. 26 or 27, 1977.)

AH, WHAT H.P. Lovecraft would make of these tales! The remnants of an ancient and nearly forgotten cult conducting unhallow rituals in the dark of night; mysterious strangers drugging those who (no less) come "too close to the truth;" bizarre attempts at suicide; and other events too grim and dark to even contemplate. Is Cthulhu stirring in his grave? And what of the Old Ones, born in the endless, infinite reaches of cold, dark space? In any event, it does appear that we have a mystery on our hands. If we learn more, we'll let you know.

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or can reveal. I don't think ANY theorising thus far revealed (including my own) have really penetrated the heart of the issue, but perhaps from all this, even if you continue to disagree with me, you may have some understanding that I have not come to my point of view arbitrarily, but rather against a background of experiences both rich and very, very, puzzling.

Again, I'm not suggesting that field research is anything less than essential. I simply wish to balance the perspective, and get people to take a long, honest look at the state of the art. Also, THERE IS NO POSITION THAT I HOLD ON THE UFO SUBJECT THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH CHANGING PERSPECTIVE. We should keep in mind the observation Charles Fort made time and time again: "When I say that there is nothing to prove, I mean that to those who accep Continuity, or the merging away of all phenomena into other phenomena, without positive demarcations one from another, there is, in a positive sense, no one thing..." When this is understood, in its FULL implications to ufo research (and to what passes under the name "forteanism" these days), one begins to understand that all this does indeed relate to Eastern mysticism, and does so

in a most profound way.

Sincerely, A. (Allen H. Greenfield, 1399 deBeers Drive #6, Tampa, Fla. 33613.)

#### DATA REQUESTS:

I would like communication with those researchers who have spent time keeping track of and investigated strange beeping sounds, with or without attendant UFO activity in close proximity. I would also care to exchange "beeping" tapes with full reports on the incident. Also interested in clippings or data regarding human and animal mutilations both of the surgical (classic mutes) and tearing (usually associated with hairy creatures) variety. Contact: Jacob A. Davidson, 6614 Dayton Ave. N., Seattle, Washington 98103.

Dear Sir or Madam:

We have inaugurated a committee in St. Louis that will investigate national and worldwide occurrences of animal mutilations and associated phenomena. We are cooperating with the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis and other organizations.

We are equally interested in

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# Return of the Para-humans!

By David Fideler

FOR CENTURIES man has encountered weird entities, people that aren't quite human, and whose behavior is a little less than conventional. We choose to call these assorted characters and misfits para-humans. But, call them what you will -- and they've undoubtedly been called a number of names by incredulous witnesses -- the oddballs seem to turn up on a semi-regular basis, every now and then, here and there.

Few good theories exist to explain the phenomenon in its entirety, and to make things even worse, you never know if para-humans are just simply weird people doing strange things, or weird non-people doing strange things. Well, we wonder sometimes. But enough of this rhetoric. Let's get on to the data, which always seems to speak for itself.

IT WAS June 1977, and the place was the small town of Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, fondly referred to as F-burg by resident Curt Sutherly, the well-known Fortean writer. It was Sutherly who mentioned the incident to us in one of his communications. According to what we were told, a stranger approached a small roadside restaurant and attempted to open the door. But he just couldn't do it. After pushing on the door for an unusually long time, Marlene (a waitress) yelled "pull," and the entrance swung open. The gentleman approached the counter, but walked with what Marlene described as a very stiff gate. He had very dark skin, was wearing an old workshirt, and appeared to be in his late 40's.

Upon reaching the counter the stranger asked Marlene for 50¢. At first she wondered if she heard the gent correctly, and asked the man to repeat his query. It was at this point that Marlene noted there was something "really eerie" about the guy. Well, he repeated the question, and she ended up telling him that restaurants just don't give money away, to which he responded with a brilliant, "Oh."

Then, strangely, he asked if he could have a glass of water...even though Marlene had given him one seconds before! She pointed the glass out to the gentleman, who, after drinking the water, slowly stood up and walked out without saying anything. After exiting, he stood outside the cafe and stared in at Marlene for a few seconds, finally moving away.

The strangest detail, Marlene told Sutherly, was that the stranger never blinked once: She admitted that there was a slight possibility that he blinked while she wasn't watching him, but not once did she see him.

AND NOW for a personal account. I shall relate it here, if for no other reason, so that the readers can have a good laugh at their editor's expense. Don't worry about it though, it happens all the time. But on to the story...

The incident took place in a used book shop, one of my favorite haunts, located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was the May of 1976, and I had just made a purchase when I encountered the man. One of the books that I had purchased was entitled (now get this) The Monstrous Undead, and was (unfortunately) written by one Bernardt J. Hurwood. The book discussed a variety of "forbidden" and generally nauseating

subjects such as premature burial, real-life vampries, and subjects I never wish to bring up in the pages of ARB. A very repulsive tome to say the least, but I decided to purchase it anyways as it was extremely inexpensive -- that being an important factor -- and it exhibited a certain degree of negative class, a certain aura given off by such things as day-glo posters, Elvis Costello, and the book God Drives a Flying Saucer.

I encountered the man after purchasing the books, as I started to leave the building. Immediately he gave me a strange look, grabbed my hand (shaking it wildly), and said, "Hello, my name is (unintelligible)." After delivering the introduction, he went through a bizarre and totally absurd "ritualistic" extension of the handshake. But the thing that really disturbed me was the fact that he pointed at my copy of The Monstrous Undead, and said in a low and almost demonic voice: "THAT'S THE SECOND ONE!" It wasn't so much what he said that bothered me, but the way he said it. "THAT'S....THE....SECOND....ONE!" It sounded like he'd been vainly searching for the book for years, and had just stumbled upon a copy by accident. At that point I quickly left the bookstore and headed for my car. My encounter had left me totally confused, reminiscent of the massive and fictitious (??) Operation Mindfuck (OM) conspiracy outlined in Illuminatus. It was only upon reaching the car that I noticed the book he had been so keenly interested in. I have often asked myself who in their right mind would really want to have a copy of that book around, and I still haven't come up with an answer.

(I have also asked myself what was the first one! Hurwood has written a handful of books on similar topics, and recently came out with The Whole Sex Catalogue!)

One thing that still occasionally disturbs me is the way the man looked. He was dressed in dark clothing, looked like something of an opium addict, and his body was strangely shaped. His chest was extremely thick, while his waist was quite thin. It looked almost like there was some

type of device placed on the coat he was wearing to extend his chest. Another feature, noted by an accompanying friend, was that while he had a dark complexion, the man's face was covered with queer looking white blotches. (Do even para-humes have acne?) But how can we place any real significance on this event? Was he a drunk, a prankster having fun at my expense, or something entirely different. Unfortunately, we may never know.

TIME FOR another first-hand report, this time from Dr. C. Louis Wiedemann, the noted Fortean researcher and theorist of Hackettstown, New Jersey. He related the following mystery stranger tale to Curt Sutherly in a letter of August 16, 1976:

"On the way to mail the letter to you this noon, I passed through the hallway of a small office-building cum drugstore...and there, sitting on a bench in the hall, was an old man in a business suit. Just as I approached he said, loud and clear, 'Are you up there now?' As you can imagine, I did a double take, but soon realized he was not talking to me (although there was nobody else around). Exactly as if he were carrying on conversation over the phone, he continued loud and clear, "...Oh, you are up there? Good; I'll be there in a few minutes." With that he stood up and walked out of the building and down the street!

"I had to choose between following him or walking in the opposite direction to the post office. Sorry to relate, I went to the post office to mail your letter instead!"

Wiedemann humorously added:

"(Maybe I did the right thing. If I had followed the old gent, probably I would be 'up there' not knowing how to get down!)"

FINALLY, BEFORE wrapping up this mini-collection of para-hume reports, I'd like to mention a recent incident that was brought to my attention by John Peldyak. On August 25, 1977 a person displaying some, well, "unconventional behavior" was making the rounds in Holman, Missouri-

i. Bill Beahle, a service station attendant, was on duty at 10 a.m. when a man walked in and asked for change.

"He handed me a \$5 bill and asked for four quarters, three nickles, and 10 pennies," Beahle told reporters. "I gave him the rest of the change also.

"Then he walked over to the water fountain and proceeded to eat each and every one of the coins I had handed him. He evidently had some trouble getting them down because he gulped pretty heavily with every drink of water and coin he swallowed."

Beahle said that the man did not say or do anything else, but the experience startled him so much he called the Missouri Highway Patrol.

(St. Louis, MO Post-Dispatch, Aug. 26, 1977.) Note here again the disorientation factor. This is common in many UFO reports noted for their absurdity. This has been aptly discussed by Dr. Jaques Vallee in The Invisible College.

Again, although accurately reported, we suggest that the researcher use a good deal of caution when attempting to interpret these reports. Perhaps someone might be able to unite common elements in stories of this type. The only connecting link that we can spot is the disorientation factor. But then again, maybe there's a worldwide conspiracy to confuse people with esoteric handshake-rituals and the like. Shades of Wilson and Shea's Illuminatus!

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## The Ontological Proof for the Existence of the Loch Ness Monster.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In addition to the piles of crank, threatening, and sometimes obscene communications that we receive daily, occasionally a document will come our way that we feel our readers will truly enjoy. This article is one such document. And while our contributor requests anonymity, pointing out that his research exists for a love of Science and not personal fame, we are sure that he will receive credit in life hereafter, where all receive the credit they so rightly deserve.--David Fideler.

Recently in my researches I ran across several manuscripts of a group of Medieval Scottish Ichthyologists. An ichthyologist is a theologian who studies fish. Some have maintained that ichthyology is not theology at all; on the other hand, there are those who maintain that all theology is ikky, as it were.

Be that as it may, I would like to share with you two of these very ancient proofs for the existence of the Loch Ness Monster. These arguments are drawn primarily from chapters two and three of McAnselm's book, The Prolochan. They run:

"We believe that the Loch Ness Monster is a slug than which no greater can be conceived.

"But is there any such nature, since the fool has said in his heart: 'The Monster is not?'

"However, when this same fool hears what I say, when he hears this something, a slug greater than which none can be conceived, he at least understands what he hears.

"What he understands in relation to his understanding, even if he does not understand that it exists. For it is one thing for a thing to stand

in relation to our understanding; it is another thing for us to understand that it really exists. For instance, when a painter imagines what he is about to paint, he has it in relation to his understanding. However, he does not yet understand that it exists, because he has not yet made it. After he paints it, then he both has it in relation to his understanding and he understands that it exists. Therefore even a fool is convinced that a slug than which no greater can be conceived at least stands in relation to his understanding, because when he hears of it he understands it, and whatever he understands stands in relation to his understanding.

However, that slug than which a greater cannot be conceived can certainly not stand only in relation to the understanding. For if it at least stood only in relation to the understanding, it could be conceived to be also in reality, and this would be something greater. It would be a far, far greater slug. Therefore, if that slug than which a greater can not be conceived would be a slug than which a greater can be conceived. Obviously this is impossible!

"Therefore, a slug than which a greater cannot be conceived undoubtedly both stands in relation to the understanding and exists in reality!

"Ah, but I shall spare you the argument in chapter three since the conclusion of the argument I have just presented is so inescapable as to be meaningless to deny. The very conception of such a Monster guarantees its existence. It not only is, but must be.

"What's the upshot of this? Well, first, all empirical research is beside the point. Reason has demonstrated infallibly that such a creature is. If evidence should be lacking, that can only be due to the limitations of our senses.

"But it also follows that nothing more can be known of the Monster but that he is. Since he is a slug greater than which none can be conceived, it follows that we cannot conceive of him. So, its attributes cannot be known. Once again, empirical science, confined to the superficial properties and characteristics cannot be of any use. In fact, the very fallibility of scientific research might give rise to a-Monsterism which is anathema to Reason. Scientific research is not only beside the point; it is dangerous. Down with the pretensions of the vulgar faith of science; the Monster is. And this I know with utter certitude. And I know that I know. And I know that I know that I know. And this I'm pretty sure about!"

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cases with unusual or anomalous features or characteristics.

We are interested in data of any kind or in any form -- either case histories or statistical. Any strange or unusual activity in mutilation areas should also be reported.

Your cooperation is very much welcomed and confidentiality will be respected if requested.

We are asking the cooperation of your group because our eventual goal is to arrange all the data and turn it over to a scientific community or "panel" to study according to their own disciplines and allow them to cross-examine the data in their community.

Again, we are looking for any mutilation cases -- even human or flora -- so that no type of incident would be excluded. No data should be prescreened and all data in your file would be necessary, no matter how trivial. This is a long-range study and your persistence is requested.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to write.

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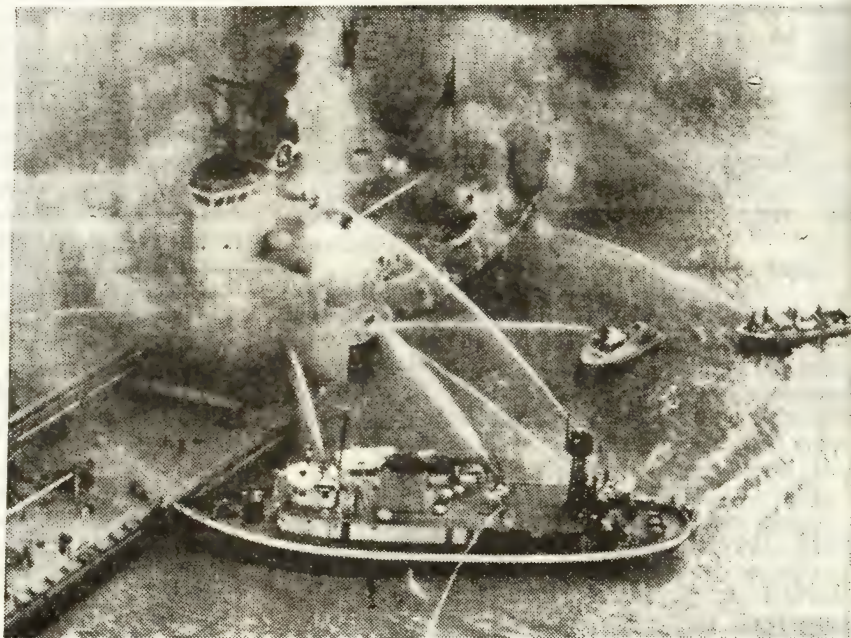
# SYNCHRONICITIES

Like the rest of us, even President Jimmy Carter is sometimes the victim of an untimely coincidence. On Friday, July 22, 1977 Carter visited a Gulf of Mexico oil rig. Donning a hard hat, Carter toured the facility before holding a press conference in New Orleans. At the conference Carter encouraged faster oil production and increased drilling efforts, confident that drilling is sufficiently safe to warrant faster activity.

Meanwhile, only miles from the press conference, the oil tanker "Dauntless Colcotronic" burned. The ship, containing 13 million gallons of crude oil, had 34 crewmen, all of whom escaped. The blaze was touched off when some of the oil leaked into the engine room and came in contact

with electrical equipment, a ship technician said. Fireboats doused the blazing tanker in the Mississippi River, extinguishing it 10 hours after 500 gallons of oil spilled into the water. We hope that President Carter fares better with the Great God Synchronicity in the future... (Toledo, Ohio Blade, July 23, 1977.)

On July 27, 1977 \$20 bills rained on Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The money came from a broken sack containing more than \$250,000 in \$20 bills that fell from the back door of an armored truck. The scene of the accident was a busy downtown area, and, as one might imagine, motorists and pedestrians started stuffing their pockets with whatever they could grab.



Above: President Carter promotes drilling...while tanker burns nearby.

"They were on their hands and knees, grabbing money right and left," said Policeman Roland Elliott. "Nobody was mad. Nobody was pushing anybody. There was enough to go around."

All but \$8,000 was recovered.

But that's not the end of the story; yessiree, you guessed it...our good friend synchronicity strikes again. Around the same time Philadelphia was having difficulties, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania was also having money problems. Sacks of torn \$100 bills had apparently been flushed down at least two Bethlehem toilets.

Federal and local authorities began investigating after a plumber, called to unclog a service station toilet, uncovered more than \$3,000 in torn \$100 bills stuffed in toilet pipes. No one knows where the money came from, although experts ascertained that the money was not counterfeit and did not come from a recently robbed Bethlehem bank. We are left with

a mystery and a nice example of Dr. Jung's acausal connecting principle. (Dallas, Texas Times Herald, July 27; Dallas Morning News, July 28 & 29; CR: Tom Adams.)

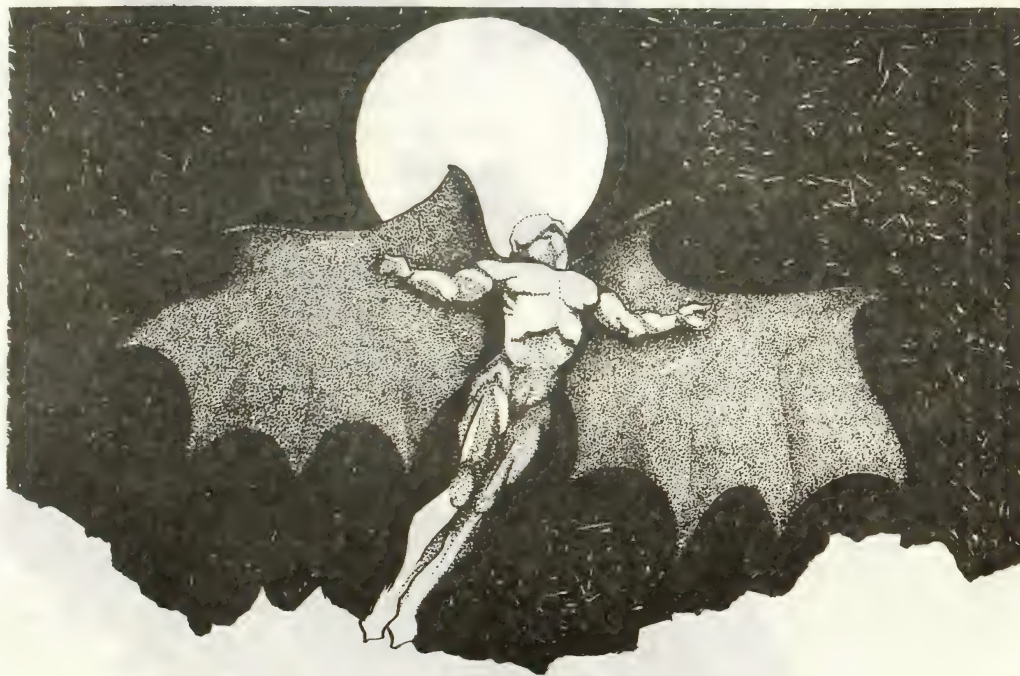
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1977  
THE BLADE: TOLEDO, OHIO,  
**Friend's Ring Flushed Away  
In '62 Found 15 Years Later**

CANTON, O. (AP) — Jeanne Michael has finally forgiven her baby sister, Stephanie, for flushing away the class ring given her in 1962 by her boy friend.

Jeanne always removed the ring when she washed her hands and one day Stephanie, 2, flushed it away.

Bob Michael, now Jeanne's husband and an employee of the Canton sewer department, was working recently in a manhole about a block from the house where Jeanne lived when she attended high school.

Bob's co-worker, Ernest (Peewee) Daniels, found a ring and showed it to Bob. It had the McKinley High School insignia, the same red stone, the 1962 inscription, and the right initials.



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# FORTEANA AT ITS BEST: ARB Reviews Phenomena; Cosmic Trigger...



Drawing by Beth Weldon.

PHENOMENA: A Book of Wonders by John Michell & Robert JM Rickard. \$10.95, 128 pp., large format hard-cover. Pantheon Books, 1977. ISBN: 0-394-41596-5.

This is the long awaited volume which could easily convert many members of the general public into dyed-in-the-wool Forteans! Co-authored by Bob Rickard, the editor-publisher of the marvelous quarterly magazine Fortean Times, the book PHENOMENA is as much a "production" as a literary work. Not only is it written in a totally absorbing style with the interjection of whimsical comments in the tradition of Charles Fort himself, but the format of the book is delightful...one might even say beautiful.

An absolute wealth of intriguing illustrations set off topic after topic, and when the reader at last puts the book down, he is left with the impression that every conceivable paranormal phenomenon has been touched upon. But this is not a book which you will easily put down. You will return again and again to its pages to re-read entire sections, each time discovering new points of fascination which were missed on the first go-around!

A listing of the contents would require a full article in itself! From showers of frogs, fishes, artifacts and missiles, the authors lead you through the fantastic world of strange disappearances, fire-walking, spontaneous human combustion, UFOs, levitation, teleportation, wild people, cattle mutilations, psychic projections, Bigfoot, Nessie, images that weep and bleed, and even the search for Noah's ark. And, as they

say in show biz, "more, much more!"

While the authors disclaim any ability to draw definite conclusions about the inception of Fortean occurrences, the text is well salted with hints about a probable underlying mechanism which unites all phenomena in a cosmic oneness. My only disappointment was in discovering no mention of the fantastic Bigfoot incidents which have been investigated by such organizations as VESTIGIA and SITU in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, but this omission is more than compensated by the many hundreds of equally interesting phenomena detailed in the pages of a book which is sure to be an instant "classic" among Fortean works.--C. Louis Wiedemann.

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COSMIC TRIGGER: Final Secret of the Illuminati by Robert Anton Wilson. Introduction by Timothy Leary. \$4.95, 288 pp., 5½ x 8½, quality paperback. Illustrated by John Thompson. Index, bibliographic references. ISBN: 0-915904-29-2.

Robert Anton Wilson has written an important book. He discusses, in COSMIC TRIGGER, a myriad of subjects: UFO contact, altered states of consciousness, the 23 enigma, Illuminati buffs, the Sirius phenomenon, modern quantum theory, ways of perceiving reality, and many more.

Some may have their doubts after going over the topics referred to above, but Wilson has produced a sane and important study. Wilson isn't pushing a conspiracy theory -- he doesn't believe in them. Instead, he is promoting coherence, by bringing together a host of apparently unrelated subjects and demonstrating how they importantly affect the concepts of

who-we-are and the-true-nature-of-reality. These, of course, are formidable topics for anyone to discuss, but Wilson is convincing and comes across clearly. COSMIC TRIGGER is written with humor, with Fortean doubt and with penetrating insight. Books, rarely, are written like this!

More than being anything else, COSMIC TRIGGER is a personal statement. The book details Wilson's trip through the magical and wonderful -- although often dangerous -- "Chapel Perilous," a voyage that has caused many UFO researchers, Forteans, conspiracy researchers, and occultists to drop out of their respective fields. Wilson's odyssey is colorful and varied; he tells of fantastic synchronicities ("being in the Net"), meeting don Juan's Mescalito hours after a peyote experience, receiving telepathic impressions from the star Sirius, and a New Jersey UFO sighting. Wilson correctly realizes that once one adopts a belief system, that system will swallow one up. So, maintaining a wonderful degree of skepticism and scientific thoroughness, he visits countless belief systems and "tunnel realities." As Wilson gains insight into the mechanism (although organism might be a better word) of reality, the book reads faster and faster. Finally it culminates with Wilson describing an emotionally intense personal experience, his reaction to which we greatly admire.

This book should appeal to many, including Forteans, Illuminatus-fans, and those who sometimes wonder "what it's all about." COSMIC TRIGGER is the most important synthesis of ideas to appear in a long, long time. Buy it, read it, and try to explain Wilson's data in alternate belief systems; the reader may develop new frameworks with which to explore phenomenalism and reality itself. --David Fideler.

Mystery Stalks the Prairie by Roberta Donovan & Keith Wolverton. \$5.95, 110 pp., quality paperback, many color pho-

tos. T.H.A.R. Institute, 1976.

Tales of cow hack, mystery choppers, UFOs, Big Hairy Monsters, and nighttime chase scenes all add up to make MYSTERY STALKS THE PRAIRIE an exciting and valuable study of one area's confrontation with the paranormal. Donovan is a newspaper reporter and Wolverton is a Cascade County Deputy Sheriff; the two, together, have produced a very readable book detailing some very strange events. And the data reliability is high: all of the information was collected by local law enforcement agencies. Color mutie photos accompany case histories, making the book rather disturbing in spots -- don't read before dinner!

An excellent book. Recommended. Order from: T.H.A.R. Institute, Box 505, Belt, Montana 59412. \$5.95 plus 25¢ postage; well worth the money. --David Fideler.

Handbook of Unusual Natural Phenomena compiled by William R. Corliss; illustrated by John C. Holden. \$14.95 postpaid from The Sourcebook Project, 547 pp., 130 illustrations, hardcover.

William Corliss' new Handbook of Unusual Natural Phenomena is an extraordinarily comprehensive guide to unusual geophysical phenomena. The HANDBOOK, unlike the Sourcebooks is a hard bound reference work designed to provide a permanent collection of eyewitness accounts of strange phenomena. Corliss has searched hundreds of volumes of scientific journals, and only the most accurate and most representative reports appear in the HANDBOOK.

Corliss' complete geophysical files will be published in the STRANGE PHENOMENA Sourcebook series, so readers planning to purchase the entire set may not wish to order a copy of the HANDBOOK. At this time, only 25% of the HANDBOOK material has appeared previously in the STRANGE PHENOMENA series.

A few examples of phenomena discussed in this survey include: ball lightning, erratic meteors, oceanic

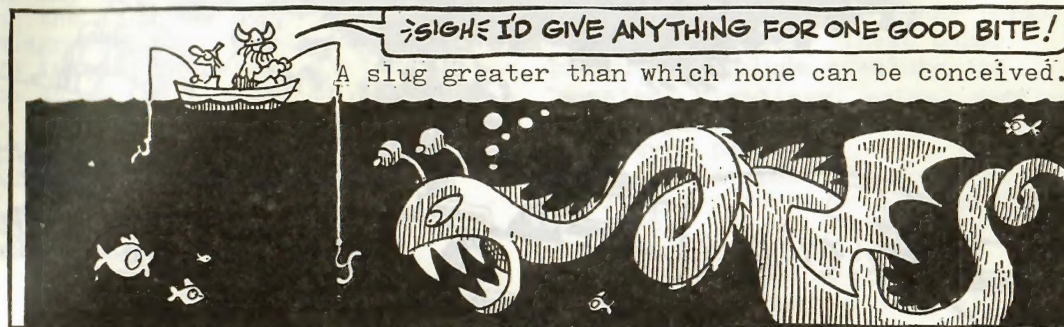
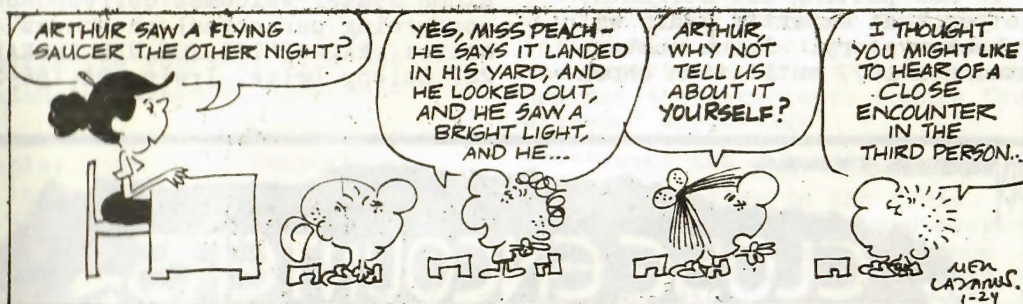
light wheels, cloudless rains, dark days, ice falls, earthquake lights, and many more. The HANDBOOK is an excellent research tool, and we highly recommend it to all those interested in unexplained phenomena. An interesting brochure describing the HANDBOOK and all the other publications available from the Sourcebook Project is available. Write to: The Sourcebook Project, Glen Arm, Maryland 21057.

--David Fideler.

The Bible and the Bermuda Triangle by George Johnson & Don Tanner. \$3.50, 213 pp., paperbound. Logos International, 1977. ISBN: 0-88270-209-2.

The central thesis of The Bible and the Bermuda Triangle is that Satan is directly responsible for the disappearances in the all too famous Bermuda Triangle sector. But the authors don't stop there; they also warn that other phenomena, UFOs, Bigfoot, etc., are demonic inceptions. Much of the information in this book is very inaccurate, and the authors don't seem to have a very good grasp of their topic. Their knowledge of natural phenomena is just as questionable; in fact, they insist that hurricanes, scourge of the Triangle sector, are conjured up by demons. This book is an unworthy investment of one's time and money.

--David Fideler.



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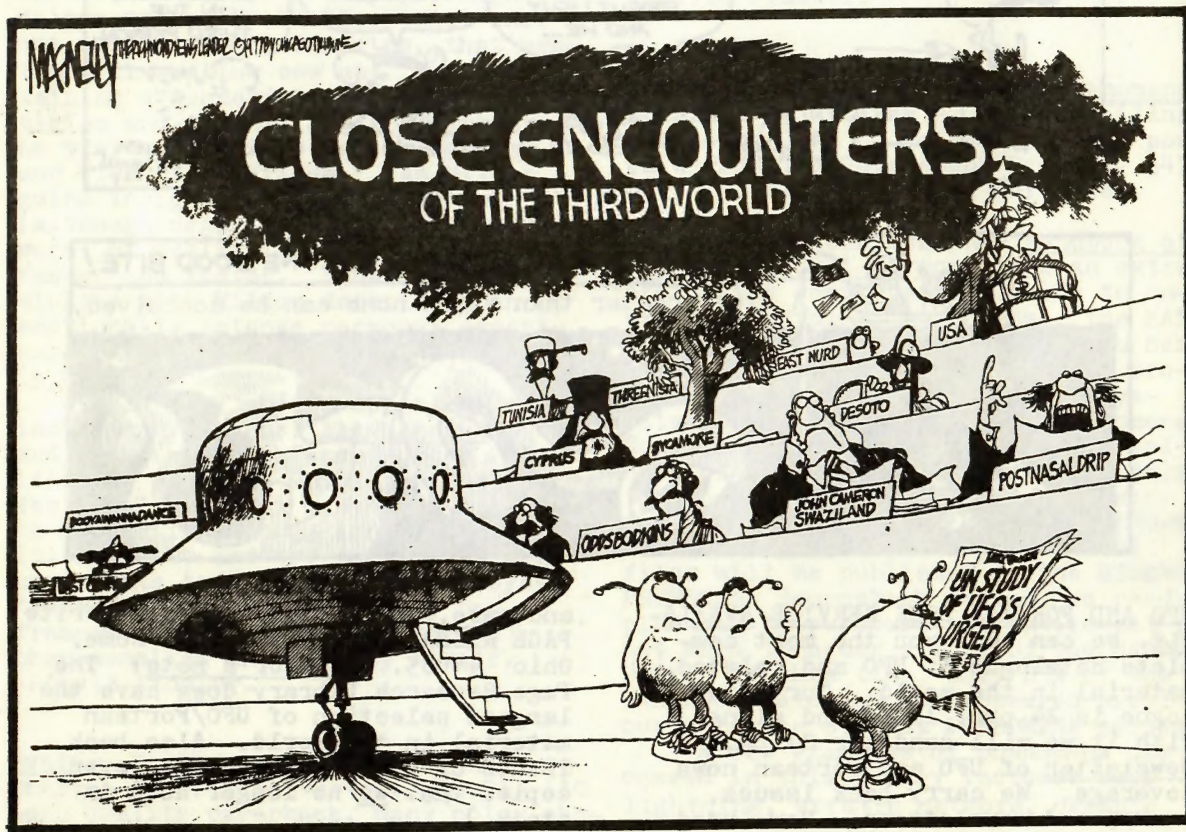
Tom Adams, who may have more data on animal mutilations than anyone else around, is now putting out **Stigmata**, a newsletter that expertly deals with the cow hack mystery. Issue number one contains a 1977 mutilation chron-

ology. Number two, which was recently issued, carries an editorial asking the question: is there a link between mutilations and UFO phenomena? To receive a copy of **Stigmata** mail a self-addressed, no. 10, stamped (13¢) envelope to: **Project Stigmata**, PO Box 1094, Paris, Texas 75460. Highly recommended.

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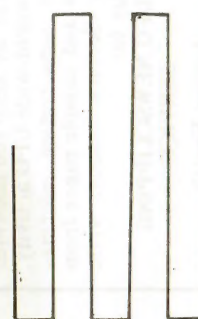
Sincerely, Robert Murphey & Steve Erdmann. (**NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL MUTILATIONS**, 4861 Wabada Place, St. Louis, MO. 63113.)

The Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, which actively investigates UFO and creature reports in the Keystone State, welcomes correspondence concerning paranormal phenomena. Write: **PA. CENTER FOR UFO RESEARCH**, 287 Colony Drive, Irwin, PA 15642.



*"Nope. These clowns can't be for real. . . Must be one of those swamp gas phenomena."*

# Guidelines for UFO Investigators



\*\*\*\*\*It is best to work with a partner in most instances. The key to successful UFO research is working with others.

\*\*\*\*\*Familiarize yourself with the MUFON Field Investigator's Manual.

\*\*\*\*\*Remember that you are dealing with people; your first responsibility is to the witness. This is true when investigating UFO and creature reports, as well as other types of anomalous phenomena. If the experience exhibits a high "strangeness level," the witness may have problems integrating the incident into his life. John Musgrave has pointed out that the UFO investigator may, at times, have to serve as a healer or counselor. Consider the well-being of the witness before considering anything else.

\*\*\*\*\*Get all the facts. The investigator must suspend all personal belief/s about "Phenomena" while investigating a case. Allen H. Greenfield has written: "The primary function of a field investigator is to gather raw data without imposing a selectivity or censorship in terms of his or her own ideas." (See elsewhere in this issue.)

\*\*\*\*\*Subjective impressions on the part of the witness may one day prove to be more valuable than the "hard data." Record them. Vallee

theorizes that Fortean phenomena act as a "control system" that produces changes in a witness who may, in turn, transmit "staged" information to society. How did the experience effect the witness? How did the experience change the witness' world-view?

\*\*\*\*\*Never ask a leading question.

\*\*\*\*\*Use caution in the field. Watch out for Big Dogs and people with Guns. Personal experience indicates that both can be less than friendly!

\*\*\*\*\*Several researchers detect a link between UFOs and other paranormal phenomena. These other phenomena include creature and "monster" sightings, animal mutilations, phantom aircraft, poltergeist type phenomena, etc. It is now no longer possible for the investigator to be solely concerned with UFOs. Be on the lookout for these "other phenomena." The scientific method involves suspending belief and getting all the facts.

\*\*\*\*\*Paranoia is the field investigator's enemy. A little bit, however, may keep one from being careless!

\*\*\*\*\*Finally, field investigation is a free-time activity. It doesn't have to be a boring "chore." Conducting a field investigation can be fun.

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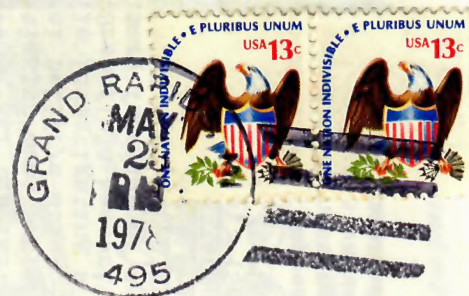
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